

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
AND ABILITY
TO SEEK NOMINATION**

**PENSION BOARD OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF THE COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

EMPLOYEE MEMBERS OF PENSION BOARD

The Pension Board of the Employees' Retirement System of the County of Milwaukee is comprised of nine members, including three "employee members." The Pension Board employee member representatives are elected by ERS and OBRA members who are then currently employed by Milwaukee County. Generally, an employee member representative elected in an election serves a term of three years and may serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. If an elected employee member is unable to finish his/her term, a special election is held to elect a new employee member. An employee member elected for a term shorter than three years serves the remaining term of the employee member being replaced and is eligible to serve two consecutive three-year terms thereafter.

An election for one employee member position on the Pension Board will be held in February 2010. The employee member position is for a term of three years until February 28, 2013. The elected employee member will begin to serve their term on March 1, 2010.

Eligibility for Candidacy

The candidate will be nominated and elected according to Pension Board election procedures. To be a candidate for an employee member position of the Pension Board, an individual must be a member of ERS. A "member" is a person who:

1. Works as a Milwaukee County employee; and
2. Earns retirement benefits as an active member in ERS.

If an individual is eligible for an employee member Pension Board position and the individual wishes to seek candidacy, the individual should visit or write to the Retirement Office to provide proof of eligibility for candidacy and request nomination papers. The Retirement Office is located at:

Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 North 9th Street
Room 210-C
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Nomination papers are available beginning Friday, December 18, 2009.

Nomination

To earn a nomination and be placed on the ballot for the employee member election, an eligible individual must return a signed Nomination Acknowledgement form, and the eligible individual must obtain 100 signatures. An eligible individual's representative(s) may circulate nomination papers and obtain signatures on behalf of the eligible individual. The potential candidate or representative(s) must obtain 100 signatures from other members eligible to run for Pension Board membership; that is, they must be current ERS members employed by Milwaukee County. OBRA members are unable to nominate candidates. Eligible individuals or representatives may seek more than 100 signatures if the eligible individual has any doubt that a person signing the nomination papers is eligible to sign the document. If nominated, the eligible individual will be eligible for the employee member position with a three-year term.

Upon receiving the required number of signatures for nomination, the candidate or representative(s) shall sign and date the nomination papers, have them notarized and return the nomination papers to the Retirement Office. The individual may also deliver a résumé and statement, limited to 75 words, detailing the candidate's qualifications for the position at that time. The eligible individual must complete and file all nomination papers with the Pension Board Secretary in the Retirement Office. ***Nomination papers must be received by the Pension Board Secretary no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010.*** Eligible individuals are strongly encouraged to return nomination papers prior to this deadline to allow for the possibility of the Retirement Office confirming the validity of signatures prior to the deadline.

Election

If more than two eligible individuals file valid nomination papers, a primary election will take place Friday, February 5, 2010 through Monday, February 8, 2010. The combined 75-word resume and statements of the candidates will be communicated to eligible voters by January 7, 2010. The two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the primary election shall advance to the final election. If only two candidates file valid nomination papers, the primary election shall be the final election. If necessary, the final election will be held Friday, February 19, 2010 through Monday, February 22, 2010 and will determine the employee member representative on the Pension Board.

Eligible voters will be allowed to complete a single ballot for the primary and, if needed, for the final election, through either an internet or a telephone option. The listing of candidates will be alternated each time a member access a ballot through the phone or internet so that each candidate will ultimately be listed first on the same number of ballots.

All ERS and OBRA members who are on the Milwaukee County payroll as of the second pay period prior to the election are eligible to vote in the election.

Questions

Questions and correspondence should be addressed to Gerald J. Schroeder, ERS Manager, at the following address:

901 North 9th Street
Room 210-C
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Gerald J. Schroeder
ERS Manager

Dated: December 1, 2009